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INVASION

The invasion of Hitler's Fortress Europe, one of history's most tremendous military undertakings, is on. Many former REAers have had a hand in preparing for it and are now engaged in carrying it forward to a victorious conclusion.

The prayers of REA people on the home front go hand in hand with renewed determination to back their fighting men to the hilt. Across half a war-torn globe they cry their encouragement:

"LET 'EM HAVE IT!!!"

REA BUYS SIXTY PER CENT OF BCNE QUOTA EARLY—

IN FIRST ELEVEN DAYS OF FIFTH WAR LOAN DRIVE

Sixty per cent of REA's quota in the Fifth War Loan Drive has been raised already, according to Louise Robinson, assistant chairman of the committee in charge.

A total of \$24,366.50 in bonds was bought or pledged in the first eleven days of the drive. The quota for REA was set at \$76,955.17. This figure includes the estimated payroll deductions of \$36,450 for the months of June and July, and leaves slightly more than \$16,000 still to be raised.

TREASURY PENNANT AWARDED TO REA

The Treasury Department Minute Man Pennant has been awarded to REA in recognition of the fact that 90% of the staff are now buying War Bonds with at least ten percent of their salaries.

The Pennant is on display in the Administrator's Office together with the Service Flag, the 4th War Loan Drive Pennant, and other testimonials from the Red Cross and the Victory Book Campaign.

LOL ROLAND IS A "CASUALTY"

Pvt. Louis A. Roland, on military furlough from the Associate Solicitor's Office, was listed as a "casualty" at Camp Grant, Ill., according to a special carrier pigeon report to the Roll Call. Let's give Lou a chance to tell his story in his own words:

"We really learned the content of the words "adverse weather conditions" yesterday. We were on the second day of our four-day tactical problem and it had poured all night long and had continued to rain during the day. So the drenching we got the night before on a 7-mile hike was just the beginning. I was a casualty being evacuated by litter from the front lines (plenty of blanks, and gas attacks thrown in for realism) and I waited, drenched to the skin, for the Co. Aid men to crawl up and fix me up; then continued being drenched and frozen while being carried by litter to the Bn. Aid Sta., then to the Collecting Station. The terrain out here is a perfect miniature Goona Goona - thick forest, deep gulleys and ravines, rocky precipices, etc. And the mud several inches thick.

"The poor litter-bearers slid, slipped, swore and cursed. (I helped them out by walking part of the way when we couldn't be observed by officers.) Finally, into an ambulance for a wild careening ride, sideways at times, through the muddy roads into the Clearing Station - where I ate my cold C-rations (which tasted real good nevertheless.) The whole business really wasn't much at all, but somehow put me into rapport with the boys in rainy Burma and Italy."

WRITE A LETTER TO THE ROLL CALL TODAY, ADDRESS 840 BOATMEN'S BLDG., ST. LOUIS 2, MO.



REA'ERS AROUND THE WORLD

Ray Severine pokes fun at conservative Boston, in a picture postal to the Roll Call. "We drink 'tonic' and sometimes eat 'baked beans.' (Single quotes are Ray's.)

Ray sees Walt Oeltjen daily and says that Hy Brettman will be there in two months, ('there' being Harvard University.)

Don Basler will get his picture printed on the front cover of the Rural Electrification News next month. The magazine prints over 20,000 copies of each issue and mails them to practically every country on the globe.

It seems that a photograph of a typical soldier was needed. The Graphics Section went through its photo files and came up with Don's picture. (Requests for his autograph should be forwarded to him at once.)

Dave Askegaard, still in Australia, is "luxuriating" under a new boss, an RAAF Flight Lieutenant. Dave's better half, formerly on REA's staff, reads the Roll Call avidly and then sends it on to hubby.

Don Hunter reports from New Guinea that he recently ran into Joe Moore. They had a chat-fest discussing things in general, especially REA. Don says improvising electrical equipment is the biggest job his outfit has; the results are rather astonishing, at times.

Edgar Renshaw has been transferred to the Naval Mine Warfare Test Station at Solomons, Md., "doing exactly what the name implies."

Coincidence: both Pvt. David Cohen and Warrant Officer (JG) Sam Schneider have the same APO - 322. Dave was somewhere in New Guinea, at last report.

Val Mitch is doing legal work for the War Department on Contract Terminations. "It's quite interesting", he writes from the Springfield (Mass.) Ordnance Depot, "but I envy the fellows who are more active."

In reporting her new rank, PFC, Zelda Krinowitz adds the bromide: "It stands for 'praying for corporal.' Here's hoping you make it."

"We are continually marching from one place to another for lectures, movies, chow, etc.," says Yeoman Eugene C. Meyer, now at Camp Ward, Farragut, Idaho. "Sometimes we just march without any objective in mind. This is done on a large drill field known as the 'grinder.' The surface is of crushed rock and the name is derived from its effect on shoes, I presume."

REA'ERS IN BIG PUSH?

What are the names of the REAers in the invasion of Europe?

It is rumored that Merle Snedberg was on the U. S. S. Augusta, flag-ship of the supporting fleet. Were there any other REA people who went to France on June 6th? If so, the Roll Call would like to hear from them, as soon as they have time to drop it a line.

PFC. Albert Tranchilla
PFC. William C. Wise
1st Lt. David A. Askegaard
SK-1/C David A. Brody
PFC Zelda Krinowitz
Y-2/c Russell Goodwin

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McNEILL LIKES CHICAGO

Chicago is the servicemen's paradise, according to S-1/c John D. McNeill, on leave from Co-operative Operations Division. "The people there are especially considerate and the service center is one of the best and most accommodating in the world. . . People you meet in public places invite you to have dinner with them in their homes. Everybody is hospitable. That counts a lot when you're a long way from home."

NOTES

Ensign Nat Levinson held the record for the longest address before he was transferred recently. It was: c/o 1st Lt. J. A. Grossman, Aerial Mine Warfare Officer, Strategic Bombardment Group, Combat Operations Dept., Army Air Force School of Applied Tactics, Ordnance Dept., Orlando, Florida. He's now at the Washington Navy Yard. . . Pvt. Anna Willett has an APO number now (7768). . . Gilbert Jones' new hangout is the Army Air Field, Sioux Falls, S. D. . . . COLUMN WRITE to the Roll Call